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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8921

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJ: SECDEF TESTIMONY ON INDIAN OCEAN - BERBERA FACILITIES
PHOTOS

REF: (A) STATE 135878 (B) STATE 137931 (C) STATE A-4074

1. IN COORDINATION WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, EMBOFF DELIVERED BERBERA FACILITIES PHOTOGRAPHS (REFS) TO MARTIN KIVUMBI OF EUROPE AND AMERICAS DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JULY 15. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE AMPLIFIED BY LENGTHY CAPTIONS DRAWN FROM SCHLESINGER TESTIMONY, AND BOLSTERED WITH TEXTS OF PRESS STATEMENTS BY SENATOR BARLETT AND REPRESENTATIVE STRATTON, USIS WIRELESS FILE ITEMS ON JOURNALISTIC EFFORTS TO VISIT SITE, AND ARTICLES FROM NAIROBI DAILY NEWS.

2. KIVUMBI SAID HE THOUGHT JUNIOR MINISTER SEPETU (FOREIGN MINISTER IS TRAVELLING IN SOMALIA WITH PRESIDENT) WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN PHOTOS. IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTIN THAT THE SOMALI PRESIDENT MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN WHAT SOVIETS WERE BUILDING, HE
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REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR OFFICIALS OF A

DEVELOPING AFRICAN NATION TO RECOGNIZE WHAT THEY WERE BUILDING
EVEN IF THEY SAW IT WITH THEIR OWN EYES, SINCE THEY WOULDN'T
KNOW WHAT SOPHISTICATED MISSIL SITES ARE SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE.

3. EMBASSY HAD DELIBERATELY DELAYED DELIVERING PHOTOS UNTIL
MOMENT WHEN, AS RESULT OF VISITS BY JOURNALISTS AND US LEGISLA-
TORS, THEY SEEMED MOST LIKELY TO BE CONVINCING. UNFORTUNATELY, WE
DID NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE OF PRESIDENT NYERERE'S TRIP TO SOMALIA
JULY 14.
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